



**First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the  
State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOC) – October 11, 2016**

**FirstNet News**

- Last week, FirstNet President TJ Kennedy gave a keynote at the 2016 EMS World Expo in New Orleans, Louisiana, and led a discussion on the "Internet of Life Saving Things." Several visitors to the FirstNet exhibit booth raised very positive comments and questions about how to collaborate more with FirstNet. Additionally, FirstNet Board Member Kevin McGinnis and Senior EMS Advisor Brent Williams joined the Louisiana Single Point of Contact (SPOC), Col. Mike Edmundson, in a session on The FirstNet Effect: How Change is Coming to EMS Communications. FirstNet also had a robust presence at several meetings of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, which uses EMS World as their annual meeting venue.
- On Monday, FirstNet CEO Mike Poth attended the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Annual Forum in Chicago, Illinois, and provided a FirstNet update to the NEMA Preparedness Committee.
- On Thursday, the Fall 2016 PSAC Webinar highlighted the new user profiles tasking from Chief Customer Officer Rich Reed. PSAC Chair Harlin McEwen noted that there were several PSAC members called to respond to Hurricane Matthew. PSAC also received updates on the Early Builders Working Group, the formation of the Federal Working Group, and the Tribal Working Group. The next in-person PSAC meeting is planned for December.
- On Thursday, Senior Fire Advisor Mike Worrell attended the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) State and Provincial Meeting in Bozeman, Montana. Mike gave a presentation on FirstNet to the Presidents of the State IAFF Associations to increase their awareness of FirstNet's progress and encourage their participation in their respective states.
- FirstNet posted two blog entries this past week: [Q&A with Brent Williams, FirstNet Senior EMS Advisor](#) and [FirstNet: Driving Innovation & Maximizing Value for Public Safety](#). All blog posts are available on the FirstNet blog at: [www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog](http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog).

- This week, FirstNet will be participating in the 2016 Gulf Coast 9-1-1 Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama; a meeting of the California State Sheriffs Association in Bakersfield; the Major Cities Chiefs Association 2016 Fall Meeting in San Diego, California; the “Vital Signs” New York State EMS Conference in Syracuse, New York; the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual International Association of Emergency Managers Conference & EMEX in Savannah, Georgia; and the 2016 International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Expo in San Diego, California.

## **Media Watch**

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### **WWL-TV 10/5: First Responders Creating Their Own Network**

<http://www.wwltv.com/entertainment/television/programming/morning-show/creating-first-responders-their-own-network-/329173934>

In weather emergencies like a hurricane or tornado communication is a big priority for first responders. FirstNet president TJ Kennedy and former New Orleans police chief Ronal Serpas talk about efforts to give first responders their own wireless network.

### **Mission Critical Communications 10/3: FirstNet's Kennedy Provides Update on State Plans, User Base**

<http://www.rrmediagroup.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/14767>

As the industry awaits an award of the potential \$100 billion First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) request for proposals (RFP), FirstNet President TJ Kennedy said there's a lot happening outside of the contract award this fall. Kennedy made the remarks during a National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) meeting Sept. 28.

## *Web and Social Media*

FirstNet's social media presence grew at the normal rate this week. Twitter gained more than 55 new followers, now at 4,332. Facebook has 462 followers. LinkedIn now has 1,707 followers. YouTube has 337 subscribers.